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DR. NORMAN MCLEOD, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY AGRONOMIST AND HEAD OF NASA DROUGHT ANALYSIS LABORATORY, MEETING WITH GOVT. OFFICIALS NIAMEY, OUAGADOUGOU, BAMAKO, OCT. 10 THROUGH APPROX. NOV. 1 IN CONNECTION DROUGHT SITUATION. ARRIVING NIAMEY OCT. 10, REMAINING IN AREA APPROX. FOUR WEEKS. SPECIALTY: APPLICATION OF SATELLITE SCANNING TECHNIQUEST TO AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF DESERT AND ARID REGIONS. RECENTLY USED EARTH RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY SATELLITE (ERTS) TO OBSERVE SAHEL DROUGHT REGION, DISCOVERING EVIDENCE THAT LAND MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES MAY CONTROL SPREAD OF SAHARA AND OTHER DESERTS.

MET WITH AGENCY OFFICERS AND AGREED BE VOLSPKR SOME ADDRESSEE POSTS THROUGH APPROX. NOV. 10. WILLING SPEAK IN ENGLISH TO SCIENTISTS, AGRONOMISTS, PLANNERS ON USES OF SATELLITE SCANNING IN SOLVING LAND-USE PROBLEMS. ILLUSTRATES DISCUSION WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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COLOR SLIDES OF ERTS OBSERVATION PHOTOS. DR. MCLEOD SAYS HE

SPEAKS ONLY "FRACTURED" FRENCH AND PREFERS AVOID LECTURING IN FRENCH. IF DESIRED, HE CAN ASSIST INTERPRETER WITH TECHNICAL TERMS. TOPICS: 1) INTERPRETATION OF ERTS DATA;
2) USE OF SATELLITE SCANNING IN RECLAIMING DESERT AND SEMI-DESERT AREAS; 3) RECENT DISCOVERIES IN SAHEL DROUGHT AREA.
POSTS INTERESTED IN PROGRAMMING MCLEOD SHOULD CONTACT THROUGH USIS NIAMEY OCT. 10 THROUGH 16, SUPPLYING DETAILS OF PROPOSED PROGRAM. POSTS RESPONSIBLE ANY TRAVEL AND PER DIEM DIVERTING FROM WORK ITINERARY, WHICH WILL BECOME MORE DEFINITE AFTER ARRIVAL. MAY CONSIDER EXTENSION PAST NOV. 10. BIODATA: BORN 6/27/28, EVANSTON, ILL. BA UNIV. CHICAGO MS AGRONOMY UNIV. MASS., PH. D. AGRONOMY AND PLANT SCIENCE UNIV. MD.

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